

CINCINNATI BOY MISSING

Parents of Edith Riley Sentenced to Prison Terms

Maximum Penalty Given to Couple Who Mistreated Small Daughter

KEPT HER IN CLOSET

Judge Describes the Testimony at "Revolt to Sense of Justice"

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Harry N. Riley were sentenced to two years imprisonment and fined \$250 Wednesday morning for cruelty to their 12-year-old child, Edith.

The penalty was the maximum fixed by the laws.

Judge F. D. Letts described the evidence presented in the case as "revolt to the common sense of justice."

It was testified that the Rileys kept the child in a dark closet for four years and otherwise mistreated her.

Mrs. Riley was described by the judge as the dominating factor in the home and was Edith's step-mother.

Gangster Funeral Services Simple

Few Are Present While Jack ('Legs') Diamond Is Laid Away

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Through most of his adult years Jack "Legs" Diamond lived outside the laws of church and state, striving by bloodshed, trickery and badgering to become a "big shot" in gangland.

Wednesday his puny body lay in un-fallen ground, hastily shoveled into a shallow grave, deserted by all save his relatives, a few family friends and the wife he had neglected.

No overloads of gangdom stood around in the drizzling rain as his casket hurriedly was lowered into the muddy ground in Mount Olivet cemetery, in Queens.

There was no pomp such as has been accorded in the past to a leader whom gangland respected. The only farewell was the muffled voice of his widow, sobbing:

"Goodby, boy."

Around the ground stood a few curious spectators, mostly women. There were only two policemen there. Diamond had so few friends in the lawless world he aspired to rule that his murder aroused little fear of further shooting.

Not more than 20 minutes elapsed between the time when the grave diggers clambered out of the muddy hole they had completed while the hearse waited at the gates of the cemetery and the moment when clouds of wet earth began thudding down on the bronze lid of the case in which the coffin was enclosed.

They were given only an hour in which to dig the grave. To the last, Diamond's widow hoped the church might permit his burial in consecrated ground. Permission was withheld. "Legs" Diamond had died unrepentant, in mortal sin, and so at the end, he was buried without benefit of clergy, in a non-sectarian cemetery.

The grave of the murdered gunman is located in a new and rather poor section of the cemetery. There are no carefully tended family lots there—only single graves, most of them graves of children. There is no grass, either—just mud.

At the home of Diamond's sister-in-law, Mrs. Lawrence J. O'Brien, a few blocks from the cemetery, it was the undertaker, Joseph E. Lynih, of Albany, read a brief prayer over the casket. In Diamond's hand his widow had placed a rosary.

There were flowers—but not a dozen carloads, such as have been sent to bona fide gangster kings. Outstanding in the display was a floral arrangement, full-size on the front of which was inscribed "To my own after all, from your loving wife." On the back was the inscription "from your pals," but "Legs" Diamond's pals—past or present—were nowhere to be seen.

It was said that Owney Madden, frequently mentioned by police as one of Manhattan's leading racketeers, had offered to pay for Diamond's funeral, but this could not be proved.

And it was also said that among his few friends was Vincent Coll. But Coll, on trial for the murder of little Michael Vengali in the "Harlem baby massacre" of last summer, was in no position to attend the funeral of "just another gangster."

Much Cotton Rotting in Lafayette Fields

BUCKNER, Ark.—Farmers in Lafayette county are lamenting the fact that the 3000 bales of cotton that has been left un-picked in the fields is probably a total loss.

Recent rains that have fallen in this section for the past 40 days have caused the cotton to rot.

"Closet Child" Goes to Parents' Trial



Dressed up like a child of 6 going to a party, 12-year-old Edith Riley is shown above as a nurse escorted her to the Washington court where her father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Riley, were tried for cruelty. The picture shows how the girl, now weighing 57 pounds in contrast to 37 pounds on the day of her rescue, has partially recovered from the effects of the four years in which she was alleged to have been imprisoned in a dark closet.

Camden to Ship 3000 Bales Cotton

Record Barge Shipment to Be Made This Week From Camden

CAMDEN.—Over 3000 bales of cotton are to be loaded on two huge barges of the River and Land Transportation company which arrived in Camden Monday.

It will require at least two days to load the barges with this record shipment of cotton which will be the largest sent down the Ouachita river to New Orleans at one time since navigation was revived on the river.

The two steel barges were brought to Camden by the oil burning tug "E. H. Breaux" with Captain B. J. Carlos, veteran riverman, in charge. This tug has been used by this company to tow the barges from Monroe down to New Orleans. It is the largest tug boat to ever come up to Camden and has not been used in this river as far as Camden because of the low river stages during the fall. It will be used more often since the river has ample water in its channel.

Captain Carlos has been on the Mississippi and its tributaries 12 years although this is his first trip to Camden. Prior to his service on the river he was with seagoing vessels, and has spent the major portion of his life on the water.

Four Prisoners Escape From Mississippi Jail

CLEVELAND, Miss.—(AP)—Sawing through their cell door and the jail window, four prisoners escaped from the Bolivar county jail here early Tuesday and fled in an automobile stolen from a garage.

The prisoners were Richard Cummings, 30, held on a liquor charge; George Bryan, 31, charged with robbery; George Walker, 18, robbery; and Dallas Henley, 21, auto theft.

FLAPPER FANNY SAYS



Three Men Admit Stealing Quantity of Dynamite Sticks

Explosives Taken From Railroad Store House by Robbers

TRIO IS HELD IN JAIL

Residents of Small Town Had Been Terrorized by Explosions

FORT SMITH, Ark.—(AP)—Three men who police say admitted they stole 200 sticks of dynamite from a railroad storehouse at Waldron to celebrate Christmas, were brought to jail here Wednesday.

Sheriff Theodor eMoney said the men admitted the theft and brought them here because the Waldron jail was too small.

Waldron residents have been terrorized the past several nights by a series of explosions.

Those arrested were Orvall Babbitt, Lester Speakes and Bill Morgan.

Two Men Held For Kidnaping Woman

Laundry Marks Leads to Arrests; Four Others Alleged Brains

KANSAS CITY.—(AP)—A laundry mark has led to the arrest of two Kansas dairy farmers as minor participants in the kidnaping of Mrs. Nell Donnelly, "millionaire" garment manufacturer. Police said they had confessed.

Gathering together loose ends of the abduction plot, which ended in the mysterious release of the victim and George Blair, her negro chauffeur without the payment of the demanded \$75,000 ransom, officers sought four other men, reputed to have actually executed the plot.

The prisoners, farmers in Wyandotte county, west of Kansas City, allegedly confessed following their arrest late Monday night that they supplied the shabby four room rural cottage in which Mrs. Donnelly was held from last Wednesday until Friday.

Identification of the cottage by the woman manufacturer was followed immediately by the arrest of Paul Scheidt, 22-year-old lessee of the cottage. Scheidt, who also manages a milk depot at Bonner Springs, Kan., implicated William Lacey Browning, 52, of Holliday, Kan., the second prisoner.

The cottage was located by detectives who traced a laundry mark on a towel given Mrs. Donnelly by her abductors. She wrapped the towel about her neck, and still wore it when she was released. The mark was traced to Emil G. Buinger, who owns the cottage leased by Scheidt.

Officers said Browning named Marshall de Paw, also of Holliday, as the leader. De Paw, according to a statement released under Browning's signature, suggested two months ago that Browning locate an isolated house in which Paul Donnelly, husband of Mrs. Donnelly, could be held pending the payment of ransom.

After a promise of \$7500 Browning alleged to have arranged with Scheidt for the use of the latter's cottage. The building, located near Bonner Springs, is situated in a wooded 20-acre tract, reached by a country lane. Scheidt was declared to have been promised \$1000 for the use of the house.

Other participants in the actual kidnaping, which took place in the driveway of Mrs. Donnelly's southside home in Kansas City, were said in Browning's statement to include two men from the east. The statement related Browning believed the men to be from New York.

Both Browning and Scheidt were declared to have believed Donnelly was the intended victim. The first knowledge that Browning had that a woman was involved, according to his statement, was gleaned from a newspaper account of the abduction.

Scheidt, in a statement released by police under his signature, said he lived at his cottage during Mrs. Donnelly's captivity and believed two of the four kidnappers to be Italians. The statement is believed to throw additional light on the peculiar release of the millionaire and her chauffeur.

After receipt Thursday morning by James Taylor, Mrs. Donnelly's attorney, of two letters she wrote at the commands of the abductors, former Senator James R. Reed, was called into the case. Reed gave his personal guarantee the money would be paid if the hostage was released unharmed.

He added, however, that all of Donnelly's money, and all of his time, would be used in prosecuting the guilty men if the wealthy woman's garment manufacturer was harmed.

Shortly afterwards word spread rapidly among the city's criminal element that a "mob" not concerned in

Banker Dead After Attempted Slaying

Trust Officer Believed to Have Killed Self When Attack Failed

CHICAGO.—John Jacob Visser, 35, vice president and trust officer of the Kimball Trust and Savings bank, was found dead Wednesday afternoon in his office on the third floor of the bank building.

Apparently the bank official had shot and killed himself after an unsuccessful attempt on his part to kill Antonius Van Worden, 67, retired business man, who had placed his property in trust and named Visser as heir on his death.

Christmas Quadruplets' Birthday

Four of a kind, healthy and happy and ready to celebrate their eighth birthday on Christmas Day are the quadruplets of Mr. and Mrs. William Mahoney of St. John, N. B., shown at the top in a new photo. Left to right: Edna Louise, John D., Lydia Christine and Edith May. They also have six brothers and sisters, and were bottle babies. Compare them now with their earlier pictures, also shown.

Denial Is Issued By Mrs. Caraway

Newspaper Reports That She Planned to Resign Branded False

LITTLE ROCK.—(AP)—The Arkansas Democrat Tuesday published formal denials by Senator Hattie W. Caraway and Governor Parnell to a story published in a weekly newspaper at Conway which said Mrs. Caraway would resign as senator and be succeeded by Congressman Tilman B. Parks, who in turn would be succeeded by Governor Parnell.

The article said: "It is stated that Mrs. Caraway's resignation is in the hands of Governor Parnell and that her appointment (nomination) by the state committee was an expediency to avoid the opposition obtaining control of the committee and forcing the selection of a candidate objectionable to the governor."

"There is not one iota of truth in the entire statement," Governor Parnell said.

Mrs. Caraway was even more caustic.

"This report of which I have heard," she uttered false. I have not resigned and have no intention of doing so. I do not know the purpose back of their circulation but certainly the persons who have issued them know they are deliberately false."

The Democrat quotes J. B. Parker, editor of the Conway News, as saying the information on which the story was based "came from Little Rock" but did not amplify his statement.

Mississippi Flood Waters Receding

Critical Stage Believed to Have Been Reached Is Report

NEW ORLEANS, La.—(AP)—Floods of the Tachahatchie river valley in northwest Mississippi Wednesday were believed to be passing the critical stage with continual bright weather, while late river forecasts lessened the tension on the Mississippi river in the vicinity of Hickman, Ky.

the kidnaping was seeking to effect the victim's release.

Early Friday morning, Mrs. Donnelly and her chauffeur were released on a dark Kansas City, Kan., street by several men who drove them there for the kidnaper's rendezvous in a motor car. Before their release the victims were told somebody had made a "mistake" and that some "bad town" men were concerned.

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The boy lived at 310 East 12th street, a half a square from 428 East 12th street, where the girl's mutilated body was found Tuesday.

At the same time the Hamilton county grand jury returned a first degree murder indictment against the unnamed slayer of the McLean child.

In the mean while police questioned four men, Charles Bischoff, 45, Pader, Shoemaker, who found the girl's body in his cellar and James Devaney, brother-in-law of Bischoff, who lives at the address from which the Hornsby boy disappeared and Denny Delaney, 44, accused here-to-fore of molesting young girls.

Fort Smith Doctor Commits Suicide

No Motive Found for Act of A. S. Chapman, Who Ended Life

FORT SMITH.—Dr. A. S. Chapman, aged 40, killed himself at his office suite in the First National bank building here shortly before noon Tuesday. The body was found by Miss Billie Smith, his assistant, and Mr. Virginia Arbuckle, a visitor, both of whom were in the reception room. The girls rushed into the doctor's office after hearing a shot and found him dead with a bullet hole through his head.

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Gas Consumers Receive Refunds

Few Who Failed to Sign Petition Must Wait Upon Court

CAMDEN.—Camden gas consumers believe in Santa Claus now. In the mails Monday, the consumers found their gas refund checks and there was much rejoicing.

The Citizens Bank and Trust company had a large force working overtime to get the checks in the mails for Monday. Those who did not get their checks and who signed the petitions for the attorney to represent them are asked to wait until Wednesday at least before calling at the bank to inquire about their funds.

The bank desires ample time to mail out all the checks but will hold those checks for the owners who addresses they do not know.

There was some complaint among consumers who expected more than they got, but these were few and far between.

Ten consumers, about 200, who did not sign the petition, cannot get their refunds until the matter of the attorney's lien is passed upon in circuit court next month. Their refund checks are held up by the court action until settled.

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Noted Men of Southwest to Be in Attendance January 2

A musical program, under the direction of Miss Lora Marlar, well known singing school teacher of Ross-ton, will be presented at Holly Springs, in Nevada county on Saturday night, January 2.

Prof. L. W. Huffstutler, of Dallas, Texas, who is well known in this section for his musical talent, will be in attendance.

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Bad Weather Curbs Quachita Deer Hunting

MENA.—Few hunters have taken to the Ouachita woods this week for the final period of the open season for deer hunting. Continued bad weather has made conditions for hunting unpleasant. A few non-resident hunters from Oklahoma have come to Mena for the hunt.

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The Star's Platform
CITY
Apply the revenues of the municipal power plant to develop the industrial and social resources of Hope.
Make city government in 1931, and improved sanitary conditions in the city and business back-wards.
Support the Chamber of Commerce.
COUNTY
County highway program providing for the construction of a main artery of all-weather road each year, to gradually reduce the dirt and mud.
Political and economic support for every scientific agricultural program which offers practical benefits to Hempstead county's greatest industry.
Encourage farmer organizations, believing that co-operative effort is the practical way in the country as it is in town.
STATE
Continued progress on the state highway program.
Fearless tax reform, and a more efficient government through the budget system of expenditures.
Free Arkansas from his cattle tick.

Are Children Happy?
THE story about the 13-year-old Indiana boy who killed himself because he couldn't make a neighborhood football team is one of the most pathetic bits of news that the papers have printed in a long time.
It emphasizes something that we too often overlook; that a child can, on occasion, be the unhappiest mortal alive.
Little disappointments have a way of seeming blacker, in childhood, than adults generally realize. Most of us, as we go bumping along from one disappointment and disillusionment to another, acquire a sort of case-hardened philosophy, and learn to discount the value of the prizes we fail to get. But a child hasn't any philosophy of that kind to sustain him.
Instead, he has to grin and bear it; and sometimes the grin doesn't come easily. Even an adult gets the notion, now and then, that he faces a world which is in conspiracy to cheat him. How much more terribly does not such a idea bear down on a child's mind?
For children, in general, are rather lonely. We can do our best to understand them, to be pals to them, to comfort them; but there is always something of a barrier between us because they look out at the world with unspoiled eyes and we do not, and they know it. There are moments in which a child feels that it is hopeless for him to go on older person for sympathy, no matter how kind and well-meaning that older person may be.
So, when things go wrong, he has to fall back on his own resources—which means that every so often he has a pretty thin time of it.
Of course, it very seldom ends as tragically as this case in Indiana did. But if we are wise we shall let this pitiful story teach us something; teach us that youngster's unhappiness can be indefinitely more real and deep than we dream, and our greatest wisdom and our deepest sympathy and understanding are imperatively demanded, over and over again, if there has been given to us the tremendous and priceless responsibility of bringing up a boy.

Toasting the Unemployed
A NEWSPAPER rotogravure section the other day printed a dainty little picture of four people in evening dress seated at a well-appointed table pouring something (harmless, no doubt) out of bottles into glasses; and it was explained that the picture was taken at a society frolic in New York for the benefit of the unemployed, and that the society folks in the picture were "toasting the unemployed."
A society frolic—whatever that may be—for the benefit of the jobless doubtless comes under the heading of meritorious endeavors; yet there is something infinitely exasperating about this picture and its caption, just as there is about most pictures of that kind.
A jobless man might well wonder if he and his brothers wouldn't benefit more had the money been given direct. And the sight of four well-dressed and smiling people toasting him in his misery—well, it is hardly the sort of thing to make him contented with his lot.

European Air Supremacy
THE manager of a large middlewestern airport the other day declared that, contrary to popular opinion, commercial aviation in the United States is "at least 15 years ahead of commercial aviation in Europe."
This, he said, applies both to equipment and service. Night flying on passenger lines, he said, is still confined to North America; and he added that most of the patrons of the European lines are American tourists!
All of this is rather surprising, in view of all that we have heard about Europe's "supremacy" in the air. Overseas, apparently, military aviation is still the branch that gets most of the attention. Aviation in the United States has definitely established itself commercially, and has already made an amazing good record for service.

"Sucker Money"
ACCORDING to a recent statement from W. N. Neil, president of the General Tire and Rubber Company, one of the prime causes of the present depression has been an abundance, in prosperous times of "sucker money."
"Sucker money" is the money which the investing public, prior to 1929, was ready to throw into industrial securities without proper investigation. As Mr. O'Neil points out, it led to many unwarranted expansion of industrial plants. This inflated the business boom beyond proper proportions, and when the crash came there was no possibility of re-employing the men who had had jobs in the over-expanded trades.
"Expansion," says Mr. O'Neil, "should be financed by earnings, not by sales of bonds and stocks, except in rare instances."
That is an excellent warning for industrialists to bear in mind when prosperity returns. When we go up too fast and too high we are apt to come down the same way.

Mr. Stanford Resigns

I had luncheon in town Tuesday with R. B. Stanford and W. W. Mitchell.
Our readers will identify Mr. Stanford as the district engineer who is leaving the highway office January 1st. He will be succeeded by Mr. Mitchell.
Mr. Stanford has earned a high place in the respect and admiration of the people of Southwest Arkansas while building the state highways of this section during the last four years. I suppose that 90 per cent of my men readers share my profound regard for the civil engineer's profession. Nearly every boy at some time or other has made plans to be an engineer, and go off to the far places of the earth building bridges and railroads and highways. Mr. Stanford has done most of the things that a man admires. And his life in our community the last four years has proved him to be not only a fine engineer but a fine public citizen.

I am glad to report that Mr. Mitchell, whom I met for the first time Tuesday, is very similar to the engineer who is leaving us. Mr. Mitchell has been assistant state engineer in charge of construction all over Arkansas. In a series of demotions, some of the district engineers have been let out and their superiors have been forced to take over the duties of the local offices as well as the state-wide program. Thus it happens that Mr. Mitchell comes to Hope.

The official explanation given for Mr. Stanford's resignation, and for the resignation of the district engineer at Pine Bluff also, is that the State Highway Department is in financial trouble and must make a big reduction in its operating expense.

In view of the strenuous attempt of Hope business men, including myself, to hold Mr. Stanford at the local office, I think it only fair to the highway administration to say that there are good grounds for believing that economy may have forced it to bring about the present change.

However, there is an undercurrent of scandal and re-primand that smells of politics, and which cannot be overlooked. I should say in justice to the highway department that the acid test as to whether Mr. Stanford has been dismissed because of politics or because of a necessary reduction in expenses, will come a few months later when Mr. Mitchell either will continue to handle the local office, or a permanent district engineer will be quietly appointed.

I am aware that some dozen or more affidavits are reported to have been filed in the Stanford case with the highway department. Many of them concern Mr. Stanford. At least one involves this newspaper. Every Hope man who goes to Little Rock is apparently told that the highway department has an affidavit signed by some Hope parties saying that *The Star's* story and editorial regarding young Marvin Wortham last month were concocted by three men in a closed room in Hope. As the rumor goes, Mr. Stanford dictated the story, Will Atkins wrote the editorial, and I published them. According to the rumor, this "expose" is to be sprung in the *Tecumseh Gazette*.

The affidavit is a lie. It never will be published, either in the *Tecumseh Gazette* or elsewhere—not because it shouldn't be published, but because character assassins always conduct a whispering campaign rather than go near a newspaper office.

The affidavit is a lie—and if I am able to get it on record there are a couple of affidavit-makers who will go to jail for criminal libel.

I don't need to tell the people of Southwest Arkansas that there is a small army of spies and political touts swarming around the country nowadays mixing and mingling with the honest unemployed. You can see them for yourself. These minor political henchmen are leeches on anybody's pay roll. They try to guess which way the wind is blowing, and then, bundling up a handful of affidavits, rush off to Little Rock with the kind of gossip they think will foreshadow a coming event. Thus they hope to get an early advantage over some rival henchman who also is biting and scratching his way through the throng to reach the coveted political pie.

They are held in contempt by honest citizens. They are idlers and generally debauched. They are professional distortionists of the truth, and have good reason for lying about me and my newspaper—for I aim to destroy them.

You hear these political stories, but you do not see them in the newspapers. The next time you catch a fellow with one, why not invite him to come down to the office of *Hope Star* and put his affidavit in print? He won't do it.

Any statement that a man won't back in the public prints is as contemptible as an anonymous letter. You know that as well as I do.—W.

For Cotton?



Cultivation of the new jucea plant by Willy Bern, noted German horticulturist, is being watched with interest, for the plant may produce a new form of cotton. On his experimental farm near Oberstdaden, Germany, Bern is experimenting with the fluffy substance produced by the plant. He hopes to convert his fibers into a cloth. An attendant is shown with the plant.

Holly Grove

Bro. Scott filled his regular appointment here Sunday afternoon.
Miss Lillian Willis who is attending school at Morrilton, has arrived home to spend the holidays.
Mrs. Willie Roberts of Providence was a recent visitor with her father, Mr. Boyett and Mr. and Mrs. John Stalon.
Mr. Sam Hartsfield and family from Texas, will spend the Christmas holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hartsfield and other relatives.
Albert Willis of California was visiting his father, Mr. Willis and family last week.
M. V. Derryberry was called to Shreveport last week on account of the death of his brother.
Beatrice Hembree spent Wednesday and Thursday night of last week with Majorie Roberts of Deann.
Mrs. Virgie Salisbury and Mrs. H. W. Timberlake visited Mrs. Jesse Atkins Friday afternoon.
Mrs. Louise Churchwell of near Hope attended preaching here Sunday.
A. P. Clark and son Clyde spent Sunday with relatives at Deann.
Mrs. M. E. Atkins and Mr. and Mrs. Kenzie Atkins are spending a few days here with relatives.
Dale Atkins visited his uncle Ben Wilson and family at Battle Field, Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell and daughter were visitors here Sunday.
H. L. Sutton was a recent visitor with Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Hembree.
B. F. Murphy of near Washington was visiting relatives here Sunday.
Mrs. John Robinson and Miss Hays and Dorothy Clark were visiting their sister, Mrs. J. C. Atkins Monday.
Mrs. Maud Elliott visited Mrs. Carl Evans Sunday afternoon.
We are glad to report that Pauline Hembree is still improving.

One of Life's Ironies

LONDON.—It was discovered recently that one of the most noted radio entertainers in England had been listening in on his own set without a license. He is Paul England, vaudeville and radio artist. In England, to operate a radio receiver it is necessary to purchase a government license—which England didn't.

A total of 261,244 Arkansas families followed a conning budget the past summer.

Nichols

Health in this community is good at the present writing, only a few bad colds.
We are sorry to hear of the death of Willie Knight. We will give the bereaved family our sympathy.
We are also sorry to hear of the death of Mat Caudle. We can sympathize with the bereaved ones.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Boscom Breckman, December 2, a big girl. Mother and baby are doing nicely.
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandifer, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sandifer spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. E. J. McKanie.

J. A. Winberry and family, M. H. Winberry and family spent Sunday with Lester Smith and family.
Miss Pearl Winberry spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Lois Winberry.
Miss Oda Marlar spent a while Sunday afternoon with Miss Mildred May.

Ernest May and family of Lake Village has moved back to this community. We are glad to have you back.

Floyd McKanie and family spent Sunday night with John Sandifer and family.

Miss Pearl Winberry spent the week end with Misses Helen and Pearl Knight.

Mikie Winberry and family spent Saturday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Winberry.

Mrs. May Smith spent last week with her son, Lester Smith and family.

Queenly Beauty



Houch! Let us present 'Miss Germany of 1932'—otherwise Fraulein Hertha Liebman.

Food is being used by farmers in McMinn county, Tenn., to pay dues for Red Cross membership.

Give Children Christmas Sweets, Parents Advised

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Cut down your hand and cereal supply if necessary but give the children their Christmas candies. This is the advice of the U. S. Home Economics Bureau, which considers sweets an important part of the Christmas celebration.
Bureau experts suggest that families of limited income substitute pop corn and nuts for the "stuff of life" for awhile so that the tree many blossom with gay pop corn balls.

Many delicious candies can be made from cheap ingredients such as white and brown sugar, molasses, cocoanut, raisins, prunes and orange peel. The Bureau issues just one word of caution: Eat your sweets at the end of the meal, not before.

Sore Throat? Don't Gargle

You get quicker, better relief & Thoxine, a prescription exclusively for throat ailments. The very first swallow relieves the throat soreness. Internal action removes the cause which otherwise might develop into serious illness.
Most coughs are caused by an irritated throat; Thoxine stops these at once. Safe for the whole family—guaranteed no dope. Money back if not satisfied. 35c. Sold by John P. Cox Drug Store and all other good drug stores. Adv.

A Merry Christmas
We extend Holiday Greetings to all our friends and patrons. We wish you a Merry Christmas.
Our store is completely stocked to make your holiday feast a success.

PRICES FOR WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY

Pillsbury's Flour	Every Sack	48	Lb. Bag	75c
Verigood Flour	Guaranteed			
Extra Fancy Cranberries	2 Lbs.	25c	CALIFORNIA ORANGES	Doz. 15c
Extra Fancy Winesap Apples	SMALL—Doz.	10c		
	MEDIUM—Doz.	15c		
CELERY	LARGE BLEACHED			10c
	STALKS—EACH			
Del Monte Asparagus Tips	Small Size Can	15c	Iona Peaches	Sliced or Halves No. 2 1/2 can 15c
National Biscuit Co. Crackers	2 Lb. Box	21c	Iona Corn	3 No. 2 cans 23c
DelMonte Fruit Salad, No. 1 can	20c		Iona Peas—No. 2 can	10c
Cranberry Sauce—can	19c		Pillsbury's Pancake Flour—2 for	25c
Canada Dry Ginger Ale—box	16c		Queen Ann Mince Meat—pkg.	10c
Hershey's Chocolate Syrup—can	8c		Giant Candy Sticks—each	15c
Prince Albert Tobacco—Lb. can	98c		Giant Candy Sticks—small, 3 for	10c
French's Ground Sage—can	8c		Chocolate Creams—Lb.	15c
Little Buster Pop Corn—can	10c		Holly Mixed Candy—2 lbs.	25c
Del Monte Raisins—package	10c		Candy Canes—3 for	10c
A&P Cocoanut—3 oz. pkg.	7c		Candy Bars—3 for	10c
Encore Plain Olive—bottle	9c		Marshmallows—4 oz. pkg.	8c
Sparkle Gelatin Desert—3 pgs.	19c		Pumpkin—2 No. 2 1/2 cans	25c
Blue Peter Sardines—can	10c		English Walnuts—Lb.	21c
A&P Grape Juice—pint	18c		Marvin Dates—package	15c
Ann Page Preserves—Lb. Jar	21c		Brown Sugar—3 pkgs.	25c

GRANDMOTHER'S Fruit Cake Light or Dark Pound 39c

RAJAH Salad Dressing	8 oz. Jar	10c
8 O'CLOCK COFFEE	Pound	19c
Sour or Dill Pickles	25 oz. Jar	19c

MRS. TUCKER'S Shortening 4 Lb. Pail 39c 8 Lb. Pail 67c

BROOMS each 25c

MEAT SPECIALS

PORK CHOPS	Decker's Tall Korn SLICED BACON	100% Pure Pork SAUSAGE
Nice and Lean Lb. 14c	Lb. 17c	Lb. 10c
CURED HAM	SEVEN STEAK	CURED HAM
Center Slices Lb. 25c	Beef or Veal Lb. 12c	6 to 8 Lb. Average End Cuts Pound 11c
RICH CREAM CHEESE	SEVEN ROAST	Pork Shoulder ROAST
Lb. 19c	Beef or Veal Lb. 11c	Shank Ends—Lb. 10c
		First Cuts—Lb. 12c

A Smoky Chimney for Santa



SOCIETY NEWS

Mrs. Sid Henry Telephone 321

A Receipt for Christmas Pudding

Take some human nature
As you find it.
The commonest variety will do.
Put a little graciousness behind it.
Add a lump of charity or two.
Squeeze in just a drop of moderation.
Half as much frugality—or less.
Add some very fine consideration.
Strain off all of poverty's distress.
Pour some milk of human kindness
in it.
Put in all the happiness you can.
Stir it up with laughter every minute.
Season with good-will toward man.
Set it on the fire of heart's affection.
Leave it 'till the jolly bubbles rise.
Sprinkle it with kisses from tene-
fection.
Sweeten with a look from loving eyes.
Flavor it with children's merry chat-
ter.
Frost it with snow of wintry deli-
cacies.
Place it on a holly-garnished platter.
And serve it with the song of Chris-
mas Bells!—Selected.

The Kindergarten pupils of Miss Elizabeth White entertained at a most delightful Christmas tree party on Friday afternoon at their rooms on S. Hazel street, with the fathers and mothers as guests. The brilliantly lighted Christmas tree held gifts for the children and gifts for the parents, that were made by the children in their school work.

Mrs. Gladys N. Weaver of Canadian, Tex., is the Christmas guest of her sister, Mrs. J. Patrick Duffie and Mr. Duffie.

Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Hamilton and little daughter, will spend the Christmas holidays visiting with friends and relatives in Gordon.

Elton Carpenter who is a student in Columbia University, New York, arrived on Wednesday to spend the holiday vacation visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Carpenter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rauch left Tuesday for a holiday visit with friends and relatives in Senary.

Mrs. Caswell McKee of Fayetteville, is the Christmas guest of her daughter, Mrs. N. W. Denty and Mr. Denty.

Mrs. J. Patrick Duffie and children and Mrs. Gladys N. Weaver spent Tuesday visiting in Texarkana.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bryant of Dallas, will arrive on Thursday to spend the Christmas season visiting with Mr. Bryant's sister, Mrs. W. F. Sancer.

Miss Lorraine Whitehurst of the Hazen Public school faculty will arrive Thursday to spend the holidays visiting with her mother, Mrs. A. C. Whitehurst.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bridwell will have as Christmas guests, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bridwell and son, Charles Jr., of Morrilton.

Mrs. Bill Roberts and son, of Hugo, will arrive Wednesday night to spend the Christmas holidays visiting with Mrs. D. T. Chamberlain.

M. and Mrs. Alva Reynerson and son, will spend Christmas visiting with Mrs. Reynerson's parents, in Stamps.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hetzler left Tuesday for a holiday visit with their daughter, Mrs. Wayne Stuart and Mr. Stuart in Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Thomas will leave Thursday for a holiday visit with friends and relatives in Saline, La.

Mrs. Cora Staggs will have as holiday guests, Mr. and Mrs. John Hatley and children of Warren.

On Tuesday evening, following a most tempting six o'clock chicken dinner, the guests of the White House entertained at their annual Christmas tree party. All former guests of the House were invited. For the occasion the reception rooms were decorated with Christmas greens, holly, a beautiful lighted Christmas tree bore presents for all. Following the distribution of gifts the evening was spent in games and visiting among the guests.

Miss Jeannette Witt of the Hazen

Last night 1,900 people sat breath-
less as the

"NIGHT NURSE"

Revealed Her Secrets
You owe it to yourself to see this
mighty drama. Featuring
BARBARA STANWYCK
CLARK GABLE

Thursday
Strange tropic music—haunting
romance under southern skies—
and a mighty drama.

"CUBAN LOVE SONG"
—With—
Lawrence TIBBETT
LUPE VELEZ
ERNEST TORRENCE
JIMMY DURANTE

MALCO'S SAENGER
Every Picture Has Its Own Story

Ranked First at U. of Georgia



Anna Graham, Bainbridge, Ga., freshman student at the University of Georgia at Athens, shows here, made the highest grade of any student in the school in intelligence tests given there. She is majoring in Journalism.

public school faculty will arrive Thursday to spend the Christmas vacation visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theo Witt.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cowden and children left Wednesday for Little Rock, where they will spend the holidays visiting with friends and relatives.

M. M. McCoughan, who has spent the past few months in a Veterans' hospital in Muskogee, Okla., arrived on Tuesday for a visit with Mrs. McCoughan and little son, Merle, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Whitworth and daughters left Wednesday afternoon for a holiday visit with friends and relatives in Little Rock and Cabot.

Misses Elizabeth Maulden and Ellen Lou Bowden were Tuesday shoppers in Texarkana.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McLarty will have as Christmas guests, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Rising and little daughter, Katherine of Texarkana and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Stuart and little daughter, Betty Anne of Oklahoma City.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. McCoughan of Oklahoma City will arrive Wednesday night to spend the Christmas holidays visiting with Mr. and Mrs. M. M. McCoughan.

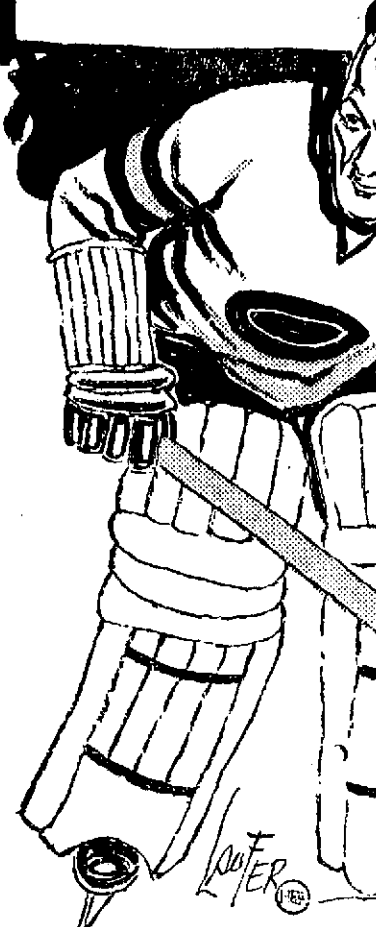
Elton Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Carpenter, arrived Wednesday night from New York City to spend the Christmas holidays. He is attending Columbia University.

Skiff Believed Used by Missing Men Is Found

GALVESTON.—(A)—A skiff believed to have been in which two Houstonians, F. C. Bonham and J. L. McElrath, set out on a hunting trip on December 10, has been found in Cedar bayou in the extreme eastern end of Galveston bay, according to word received by coast guardsmen here. The skiff, motor missing, was found about 3 miles from Goose Creek it was reported. It had drifted ashore and had no water in it.

BRUSHING UP SPORTS

THE GOALIE
OF A HOCKEY TEAM
CARRIES AN AVERAGE
OF 30 POUNDS OF
ARMOR INTO
THE FRAY.
YET HE DOESN'T EVEN
WEAR A MASK TO PROTECT
HIS FACE FROM THE
"FLYING PUCK"



"The Cuban Love Song" Has Tropical Background

One of the strangest "locations" ever used for a talking picture is seen in "The Cuban Love Song." Lawrence Tibbett latest starring vehicle, which will be shown at the Saenger Theatre Thursday.

The famous Scott ranch in Santa Monica Canyon, California, was transformed into a tropic locale for the picturesque fiesta scene of the production. Transplanted palms, mango trees, carloads of imported, tropical fruits and a polyglot crowd of Spanish, Mexican, Chinese and Cuban "extras" contributed to make a noxious atmosphere for an episode in which Tibbett sings a Cuban song and Lupe Velez dances a rumba to the accompaniment of the noted Palau Brothers' Cuban Orchestra, imported from Havana.

The fiesta was attended by nearly a thousand people and was an exact replica of such an affair in Cuba. Great stone barbeque ovens were erected and whole pigs roasted. Piled high on tables were tropical fruits, tortillas and other Latin delicacies. Much of the dramatic action takes place in this locale which also serves as the setting for a comic interlude in which Ernest Torrence and Jimmy Durante are pelted with coconuts by an irate monkey.

The picture tells a vivid story of a marine stationed in Cuba and his romance with a little peanut vendor, played by Miss Velez. Karen Morley plays an American girl who complicates the romance, and the strong cast also includes Louise Fazenda, Hale Hamilton, Mathilde Comont and Philip Cooper. The production was directed by W. S. Van Dyke, who produced "Trader Horn," "Never the Twain Shall Meet" and "Gully Hands."

Bluff Springs

Health of this community, is very good at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dillard and children left this morning for Bluff Springs, where they will spend the holidays visiting with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Annie Harvin who has been down quite a while is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Nute Butler spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Purdie.

Charlie Purdie spent a few days last week with his mother, Mrs. Winnie Purdie.

Malcolm Purdie spent Saturday evening with Algie Irwin.

Mrs. Robbie Boles will start home Tuesday or Wednesday from Mississippi to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Dillard.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Butler spent Sunday with her father.

A. T. Fincher and Charles Elles spent Saturday night with Milburn Purdie.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Dillard and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carlton spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Annie Harold.

Little Margaret Mitchell has been down with pneumonia glad to know she is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carlton spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Dillard.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Almond spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Annie Harvin.

Bro Irvin failed to fill his appointment at Bluff Springs Sunday on account of the weather.

Miss Emmerluc and Maudie Almond spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Belvie Almond.

Mrs. Eva Jackson is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Fincher.

Mrs. Sadie Gormley and Mrs. Lucy Dillard is on the sick list this week.

Cutting wood seems to be the order of the day.

Delma Bolls and wife, of Mississippi came home Saturday to spend Christmas.

Bess Butler and family were the guests of Buster Gormley and family Sunday.

Roy Carlton and wife spent Saturday night and Sunday with her par-

Wins Medal



NEA Memphis Bureau
Horace V. Allen, above, 53, carpenter, of Martin, Tenn., has been awarded a medal for his heroism in saving James N. Hall, 14, from drowning, by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission. The lad pulled Allen under repeatedly, but was finally pulled to shore and saved.

ents, F. A. Dillard.

Miss Clara Parris was the guest of Miss Ruth Purdie Friday night.

R. L. Purdie and wife and daughter sit a while with Buster Gormley and family Saturday night.

We failed to have meeting at this place Saturday and Sunday on account of bad weather.

Mrs. Era Gormley and Mrs. Vera Calhoun spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. E. M. Wooley.

W. U. Almond spent a few days last week with his grandson, Roy Carlton.

Well it isn't very long to Christmas and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Harmony

My! the folks of this vicinity would surely appreciate some pretty weather now. We have been having so much rainy weather of late.

Ray McWilliams and J. W. McWilliams spent awhile Thursday night at the Geo. McMillen home.

Our faithful mail carrier, Mr. Petre delivers the mail rain or shine of which we are indeed grateful as the Hope Star sure helps pass away the time.

Thad Vines and family spent a few days with his sister, Mrs. Ella Hodnett and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Mitchell spent Tuesday night at the J. J. Mitchell home.

Don Arnold and family of Louisville have moved into our community. Those that visited at the George McMillen home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Daugherty and family and J. W. McWilliams and grandson, Ray.

Bessie McMillen and Harley Vines were visitors at the Hodnett home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sanford spent Monday night with their parents Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Sanford.

The visitors at the home of Mrs. Ella Hodnett Saturday of last week were Misses Harley Vines, Mila and Alma Dean Arnold and Bessie McMillen and Weaver Starnes and Otis Stanley.

George McMillen and family spent Sunday afternoon with Monroe Daugherty and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sanford spent Sunday with Mrs. Ella Hodnett.

Joe Daugherty and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Nellie Leach and son, Leo.

Saenger Dance Program

Pupils of Mrs. Jim Martindale's dance studio gave the following successful program Tuesday night before a good-sized crowd at the Saenger theater:

- Part I**
1. Million \$ Babies. Eva Jean Milam, Frances Cornelius, Clarice Brown, Margaret Bush, Frances Harrell, Mary Ross McFaddin, Norma Jean Rephan, Betty June Monts, Betty Jean Wright, Betty Jean Laseter, Matilda McFaddin.
 2. Ballerina Petite. Jean Young.
 3. Topsy Toes. Dorothy Lane Henry.
 4. Tapping Time. Wanda Latte.
 5. Dancing Dolls. Ruth Elise Bowden, Mary Wilson, Jean Young, and Mary Frances Schumard.
 6. Balloon Dance. Mary Sue Halliburton.
 7. Adagio. Joy Ramsey and Rufus Herndon, Jr.
 8. Danse de Societe. Luther Hollamon, Jr.
 9. "Vanities". Margaret Bush, Mary Ross McFaddin, Ruth Elise Bowden, and Frances Harrell.
 10. Gypsy Revels. Jean Young, Dorothy Lane Henry, Wanda Lane, Polly Joe Coffey, Joy Ramsey, Mary Cornelia Holloway, Florine Lindsay, Mary Sue Halliburton, Joy Grey.
- Part II**
1. "Shaking the Blues". Mary Sue Halliburton, Dorothy Lane Henry, Joy Ramsey, Florine Lindsay, Wanda Lane, Mary Cornelia Holloway, Polly Joe Coffey.
 2. High Kicks. Wilodene Lavitt.
 3. Rhumba. Elizabeth Middlebrooks.
 4. Happy Feet. Mary Cornelia Holloway.
 5. Rhythmic Rhythm. Winnie Lee Floyd, Effie McCulley, Sibyl Williams, Wilodene Lavitt, Catherine Lane, and Luther Hollamon, Jr.
 6. A La Russe. Polly Joe Coffey.
 7. Acrobaticque. Joy Ramsey.
 8. Bluettes. Catherine Lane.
 9. Fan Fantasie. Wilodene Lavitt, Elizabeth Middlebrooks, Effie McCulley, Winnie Lee Floyd, Catherine Lane, Sibyl Williams.
 10. Finale. "Triumph Over Blues". Ensemble.
- Accompanist. Miss Harriet Story.
Ener Acte Music. Hubert Graves Orchestra.

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Given this 22nd day of December, D. 1931.

Barney P. Rowland, Administrator of the Estate of Louis Gordon deceased.

Dec. 23 30

NOTICE IN BANKRUPTCY
District Court of the United States
Western District of Arkansas
Texarkana Division

In the matter of William G. Darwin
Bankrupt
No. 940 In Bankruptcy
Notice on Petition for Discharge
Notice is hereby given that the said William G. Darwin, Bankrupt, has filed application for a discharge in bankruptcy, and that it has been ordered by the court that a hearing be had upon said application before said court on the 15th day of February, 1932, at Texarkana, in said district, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which hearing all creditors and other persons in interest may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted. Texarkana, Ark., December 22, 1931.

Attest:
WM. S. WELLSHEAR, Clerk.
By J. Warren Stevens, Deputy Clerk.

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SAVE MONEY ON HOLIDAY FOODS

These Prices For Thursday and Saturday

Flour	COUNTRY CLUB 48 Pounds	75c
Oranges	Nice Juicy Florida (Peck—12 Lbs.)	39c
Cocoanuts	Large, Heavy 3 For	19c
Cr'berries	Pound	12½c
Brazil Nuts	Pound	15c
Walnuts	Budded—Pound	22c
Mix Candy	KING—Pound	10c
Coffee	JEWELL—3 Lbs.	55c
Cakes	Lemon Snaps—Pound	15c
Milk	SUPREME Tall 7½c—Small	3½c
Chocolates	Holiday 5 Lb. Box	\$1.39
Holly Box	CHOCOLATES 5 Pounds	89c
Apples	Roman Beauties 4 Pounds	19c
Chocolate	Pound Box Assorted Gift Box	29c
IN OUR SANITARY MARKET		
Fresh Pork Ham	Half or Whole—Pound	12½c
Pork Sausage	Pound	10c
Brisket Roast	Pound	9½c
Compound Lard	Bring Your Bucket 8 Lbs.	65c
Pork Chops	Pound	15c
Oysters	SELECT—Pint	35c
Beef Roast	Pound	12½c
Fresh Spare Ribs	Pound	10c
Armour's Star Hams	3 to 10 Lb. Average In Xmas Boxes	17½c
PIGGLY WIGLY		
and Over the River		



Wednesday and Thursday we will give Double Eagle Stamps on all Gift Goods.

Our prices on all Christmas Goods have been reduced from one-third to one-half.

See Our Large Stock Before You Buy

Jno. P. Cox Drug Co.

Phone 84 We Give Eagle Stamps



Meat Market Bargains
For Thursday at the
"M" System Market
And The
Darwin Store Market

MERRELL'S	10 to 12 Lb. Average	13c
Hams	Pound	
DECKER'S	10 to 12 Lb. Average	18c
Hams	Pound	
Bacon	Sliced, Rindless. Sugar Cured—Lb.	15c
BALTIMORE	Extra Select—Pint	35c
Oysters	Pound	10c
SPARE RIBS	Pound	7½c
LIVER	Pound	3 Lbs. 25c
SAUSAGE	Pound	12c
Pork Shoulder Roast	Pound	
PORK HAM	Small Average	14c
Roast	Pound	
MERRELL'S	Whole or Half	12½c
Hams	Pound	
NECK BONES	3 Lbs.	20c
PIG TAILS	2 Lbs.	17c

YE ANTIQUE BOX SCORE!

TRI-MOUNTAIN CLUB	H. L. Run	PORTLAND CLUB	H. L. Run
G. E. Guild, catcher ... 7		E. N. Robinson, catcher ... 6	4
H. F. Gill, third base ... 3		S. M. Eaton, pitcher ... 3	5
C. O. Uman, first base ... 1		E. C. Powell, second base ... 3	4
F. F. Goldthwait, 2b ... 5		J. C. M. Furber, rf ... 4	6
P. N. Scott, center field ... 1		G. H. Abbott, left field ... 3	8
O. Troup, right field ... 5		J. T. Winslow, third base ... 3	8
G. M. Woodbury, lb ... 4		G. M. Woodbury, lb ... 3	7
W. H. Bourne, shortstop ... 5		Ramuel Chadwick, ss ... 3	7
J. H. Ware, pitcher ... 2		J. M. Knight, center field ... 1	5
Total ... 43		Total ... 47	

M'Caskill--BLEVINS NEWS--Tokio

MRS. CLARKE STOKES
McCarthy Correspondent

Güschita County School Has Record

Vocational Agriculture Demonstrated by Rural High School

LITTLE ROCK, (AP)—Vocational agriculture in the public schools of Güschita county has been demonstrated by a rural high school in Güschita.

The agricultural practice program of the school brought a labor income of \$1,463.38 from the community.

The report of the agricultural department of the school showed that 33 of the ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades received a combined income of \$1,463.38 from their practice projects and that 40 farmers who attended night school regularly received a labor income of \$1,463.38 from their practice projects.

The agricultural activities received careful attention and several crops not previously raised in the community have been placed in the ground.

A better financial basis than in the past, despite the low prices for many of their products.

Many improved farm practices were being introduced. These included terracing, 300 acres to winter cover crops, supervised fertilizing of 10 acres with barnyard manure, co-operative purchase of commercial fertilizer, 500 acres, launching of five small irrigation projects, raising of pork by 10 farmers who had not done so previously, a home garden campaign which resulted in every farm family in the community having a good garden, and 100 per cent increase in poultry raising.

A truck growers' association also was organized as a part of the agricultural program which has just completed its first year. Purchase of seed and fertilizer through the co-operative has been estimated to have saved \$5,000. A 5,000-bushel sweet potato warehouse was built at a cost of about \$10,000, and an agricultural building was erected and equipped at a cost of approximately \$20,000.

Three-fourths of the farms in Güschita are located on roads classified as gravel or better.

"Chickens, Eggs and Turkeys"

By ERLE C. TURNER

Twenty-five years ago when poultry and eggs were sold at all in this section of Arkansas, chickens were marketed by the head or traded for merchandise and the demand then had to be created in advance. A farmer coming into a store would ask, "Can you use a few hens or a few dozen eggs at such and such a time?" The merchant would scratch his head, wondering how he could dispose of this poultry should he trade with the farmer. A hen in those days brought 25 cents. That was considered a standard price and any one asking more than this, usually had to cart them back home.

Nelson Enters Business

About this time M. L. Nelson, then somewhat younger than he is today, entered the mercantile business in Blevins, then a small roadside village, destined in later years to become the leading poultry market in South Arkansas. Young Mr. Nelson had been considering this lack of interest by small town merchants in poultry buying. He began an investigation and found that he could get a market in the larger towns for poultry and eggs. Within a few days the following attractive sign made its appearance on the side of the Blevins store building and on the printed matter of the firm: "We Buy Chickens, Eggs and Turkeys the Year Round."

Exchange Method Stopped

Instead of following the usual custom of trading poultry and eggs for merchandise, chickens were bought by the pound and cash was paid for the eggs.

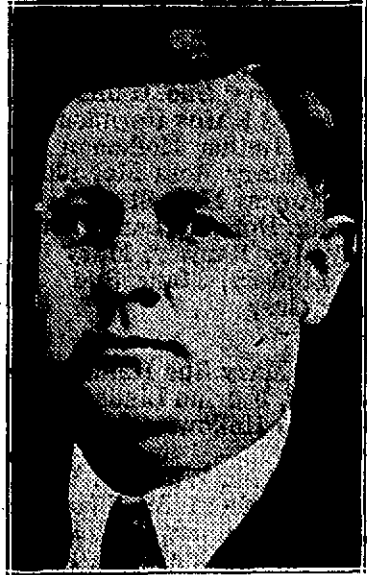
Residents of the Blevins community began to talk about the splendid market afforded them for their chickens and eggs. They became interested in their poultry. Better breeds were secured. Poultry houses were erected and today there is more poultry sold in Blevins than any other South Arkansas town. This little Homestead county town is known over the entire state as a poultry market and as a place where a farmer or produce buyer can always dispose of their surplus.

A few years ago the first car load of broilers ever to be shipped from the state of Arkansas was shipped from Blevins. This car brought approximately \$10,000. M. L. Nelson personally attended this shipment to the northern market.

Interest in Turkeys

Of late years an interest in turkeys has been created in this section. M. L. Nelson is the originator of growing "Turkeys by the Acre." An acre of ground is fenced early in the spring and on this a number of turkeys are grown each year, never leaving this

Blevins Poultryman



M. L. Nelson, who 20 years ago, revolutionized the method of poultry raising in this section of Arkansas. Instead of selling poultry by the head and trading eggs for merchandise, farmers were offered cash for their eggs and their chickens were bought by the pound. Mr. Nelson has established one of the leading poultry markets in the state. He left for market last week with two car loads, approximately 35,000 pounds of turkeys and chickens.

enclosure from the time they are old enough to be placed in the open until they are ready for the market.

Several growers in this section grow their turkeys under this method while there are still others who use the open range method, allowing their birds to have a free range. Both methods have proven satisfactory and both last fall and this year approximately 3,000 head of turkeys have been marketed by Mr. Nelson.

At Thanksgiving and Christmas time this firm usually have more orders than they can fill. These orders range from one turkey to a car load. Many now are marketed by express or by trucks.

Last year a car load of milk fed turkeys shipped to New Orleans, La., were said to have been the best turkeys ever received at that market. The firm purchasing last year's shipment increased their order this year and on last Saturday Mr. Nelson left Blevins

with two carloads of chickens and turkeys. The two cars contained approximately 27,000 pounds of turkeys and 9,000 pounds of chickens.

These turkeys were practically all raised within five miles of Blevins. One grower fattened 300 head for this last shipment and had marketed 100 during the Thanksgiving season.

Growers Increase Flocks

Interest in the turkey growing industry has increased rapidly during the past three years. One grower living near Blevins began with a small flock. Last year he marketed approximately 150 birds and this year 400. Another man had a small flock last year and this year sold 200. The man who had the largest flock in the section this year plans to grow a much larger number next year and has 75 selected hens to be used as breeders in 1935.

Turkey growers are adding better equipment, purchasing better foundation stock and it seems that this industry is soon to be one of the leading enterprises of this section.

Associated with Mr. Nelson in this firm is T. J. Stewart, who when Mr. Nelson is out, acts as poultry buyer. He has been in Blevins for a number of years, coming to Blevins from Prescott.

In addition to his activities in the poultry business, Mr. Nelson has been a member of the Blevins school board for the past 20 years. He is also a leader in all community work.

Poll Tax Books for 1932 to Be Changed

New System Printed in Duplicate Instead of Stub Method

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—(AP)—Poll tax books for 1932 collections will have carbon duplicates instead of stubs, as formerly. State Auditor J. Oscar Humphrey said.

Under the "stub" system, many of the collectors failed to fill them out completely for the permanent records, resulting in difficulty in estimating the correct number of poll tax receipts issued.

The receipts will be numbered serially and a definite block of numbers assigned to each county so that use of a poll tax receipt in a county other than in the one to which it was allotted can be detected. Allotments range from 2,100 for Stone county to 30,000 for Pulaski county.

Earl Page Writes Interesting Letter

State Commissioner Extends Season's Greetings to Readers

This is Christmas week, the one period of the year for good cheer, good will, family gatherings, social meetings, Christmas trees, Christmas ceremonies, rest, relaxation and enjoyment—and withal, the exchange of Christmas presents, greeting cards, etc. There is not much doing during Christmas week except in the way of festivities, and few if any want to occupy any of their time in thinking about what they are going to do, want to do, or should do in the future, especially with reference to the laconic and more serious affairs of life. So why should I intrude upon this joyous occasion with an effort to discuss matters of serious import or to divert the minds of those who are so pleasantly engaged? Besides, Santa Claus and Santa letters have just about crowded me out of the columns of these popular papers. About all I can do under these auspicious circumstances is to join in with the throng of merry-makers, and extend my greetings, good will and good wishes to the multitude.

I am deeply grateful to a generous public for their indulgence of whatever delinquencies I may have had; for the manifold kindnesses shown; for the confidence reposed; for the many kind words of commendation that have been spoken and written to me by the farmers and my friends; and above all I am profoundly, graciously and reverently grateful to our Father in Heaven, and to our Savior Jesus Christ who died on the Cross in expiation of the sins of humanity, for the blessings vouchsafed to me and to my former friends during the past year. As I contemplate the Christmas decorations and adornments at the various Christmas festivities, with their symbolic characteristics, I am more profoundly impressed and do the red holly berries symbolic of the shed blood of Christ for the salvation of mankind, and the redemption from sin; the beautiful green of the holly, symbolic of eternal life; and the bright lights symbolic of His divine declaration, "I am the Light of the World."

With kindest greetings and love to all, I am, Your obedient servant, Earl Page.

Boughton

We all wish this rain would stop for a while, as the Little Missouri river is out of banks and all over the bottoms. The mail carrier can't go on his route, except on the highway.

Mrs. Harry and Mrs. Randolph Bouie of Louisiana spent the week end with friends and relatives of this place.

Misses Elizabeth and Estelle Britt of the Texas college have come home to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Britt of this place and Miss Laurence Britt.

Miss Dorothy Payne was the Saturday night guest of Miss Lizzie Mack Beatty.

Miss Opal Gardner called on Miss Ruby and Ida Mae Harden Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Morrow and children, Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Dye and Walter Harden called on Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williamson of Gordon Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Caddo Mossley of Reeder, Ark., called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Norman of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Norman and twin daughters, Billy Joe and Betty Joe, spent last week with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Caddo Mossley of near Reeder, Ark.

There will be a Christmas tree at the Boughton school house Thursday night.

Georgia was the first state to initiate forestry into the vocational agricultural high schools.

McCaskill School News

Our school will dismiss Wednesday afternoon December 23 for the Christmas holidays and work will be resumed January 4. We are expecting a visit from Santa Claus this year regardless of the financial depression.

The teachers and pupils of the elementary grades have planned a Christmas tree and program for Wednesday afternoon. The parents have been invited to join the merrymaking.

The pupils and teachers will participate in a program to be given at the church Tuesday evening for the benefit of the Methodist Orphanage at Little Rock.

Pupils on the honor roll for the second month of school are as follows: third grade, Grace Wortham; fourth grade, Nilladine Collins and Winnie Reese; fifth grade, Toad Scott and Lola Wortham; sixth grade, Van Hamilton; eighth grade, Wenona Gentry.

On Friday night December 11, 1934, the patrons and teachers of our school met at the school house where a short program was rendered, after which a Parent Teacher's Association was organized. The following officers were elected: Mrs. C. A. Hamilton, president; Mrs. Manning, vice president; Mrs. Clark Warren, secretary-treasurer. Preceding the election of

officers short talks on the value of P. T. A. work were made by G. Shuffield, Dr. Gentry and others.

Glenlynn Rodgers of the ninth grade made a score of 100 per cent in an algebra test given last week.

Interest was at its highest in spelling Monday when the fifth grade average came up to 100. The contest that is being carried on by the fifth and sixth grades affords good motivation for spelling.

The sixth grade has completed its scroll which was made during the study of Rome.

The story of the first Christmas is shown by the Happy Hustlers in three ways: First, the desert scene as a blackboard border; Second, the scene of Bethlehem and the Christ Child; transparencies on the windows illustrating the first Christmas.

The teachers leaving for other parts to spend the Christmas holidays are: Miss Thelma Bruce, who will spend the vacation with her people of Blevins; Mr. and Mrs. Moore, who will spend the vacation with their parents of Conway and Lonoke respectively. Mrs. Stokes and Mrs. Huddleston are residents of McCaskill.

By Wenona Gentry, Reporter.

Black Walnut to Be Money Crop

Commercial Value of Native Nuts Has Increased in Recent Years

FAYETTEVILLE, (AP)—The black walnut may become a real money crop of the Ozarks.

The walnut, which always has been a favorite nut with the boys, is expected to become a financial asset, instead of a source of aggravation because of such a small kernel and such a hard, thick shell.

For Dr. N. F. Drake, retired professor of geology at the University of Arkansas, has been experimenting the past 10 years, and has increased the kernel content from about 18 per cent to 34 per cent, or nearly double. Moreover, he has developed a nut with a shell almost smooth, and much thinner than wild varieties.

By thorough and painstaking effort and much research Dr. Drake has been able to do this. He has searched Arkansas and adjoining states for the best varieties of wild nuts, and has gotten the best varieties developed in the East.

By budding, grafting and transferring pollen he has gradually domesticated the wild variety, and has 30 acres of these improved black walnuts on his experimental farm.

But Dr. Drake, who conceived the idea while teaching in Aientien, China, is not yet satisfied. He is seeking further improvement.

Walnuts had no commercial value in the Ozarks a decade ago. But in recent years they have become a staple article of commerce.

A market opened on a small scale in 1928 has now developed to where there is a cash market for black walnuts in practically every town of the Ozarks.

Wealthy Californian Is Assessed Big Fine

LOS ANGELES, (AP)—David G. Lorraine, wealthy California and Texas manufacturer and oil machinery inventor, cited on two counts of making false income tax returns, was fined \$15,000 Monday by Federal Judge Paul J. McCormick.

Judge McCormick said it was legitimate for business men to include on their tax statement items for hotel entertainment and other promotional activities, but when the money is expended for intoxicating liquors it is not proper to place on the tax returns.

Tokio Girl Weds Nashville Man

Wedding Occurs at Nashville Methodist Parsonage Saturday P. M.

Miss Ruh Wood of Tokio and J. K. McLarty of Nashville, were married at the Methodist parsonage in Nashville last Saturday afternoon, the Rev. B. F. Roebuck performing the ceremony.

The bride is the charming and attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wood of Tokio, and the groom is one of Nashville's most popular business men.

He is employed in the offices of the Grayson, Nashville and Ashdown Railroad company in Nashville.

Blevins School to Close Wednesday

Will Resume January 4—Many Teachers to Leave for Homes

The Blevins school will close Wednesday afternoon for the Christmas holidays. Classes will be resumed on Monday, January 4.

Many of the teachers will leave Wednesday afternoon for their homes to spend their Christmas vacation.

Ozarks Supply 250 Miles of Christmas Wreaths

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—(AP)—Cedar trees from Ozark hilllands are unwinding a trail 250 miles long in 15 states this year, in the form of wreathings for street decorations in widely scattered cities.

Although Christmas trees shipped from this section go only to unwooded states nearby, the wreathing, originated by a Springfield seed concern, has grown in popularity yearly. This season's shipments of 1,250,000 lineal feet necessitated the cutting of a small forest of trees.

Fresh cedar, cut in small branches and wired with a foliage winding machine perfected here, is used for the wreathing, which this Yuletide will decorate streets and buildings in states as far distant as Pennsylvania, Nevada and the Dakotas.

Gov. Bilbo Sets Record in Pardoning Prisoners

JACKSON, Miss.—(AP)—Executive clemency was extended to 106 offenders by Governor Theodore G. Bilbo Tuesday in the annual Christmas list of pardons and suspensions for penitentiary and county jail time servers. The governor had pardoned 426 already this year for a new state record.

Full pardons were granted 49 now out on suspension, 16 were pardoned from the penitentiary and eight from jail; 33 received indefinite suspensions from the penitentiary and two from county jails. All will be home by Christmas.

A Merry Christmas

Greetings of the Season to my friends and customers who have given their patronage to this station during the past year.

May your Christmas be the most happy you have ever had is my wish.

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THREE KINDS OF LOVE BY KAY CLEAVER STRAHAN

BEGIN HERE TODAY

ANNE, CECILY, and MARY-FRANCES FRANKLIN live with their grandparents, once wealthy, now so impoverished that Anne and Cecily have to support them. The sisters have been orphaned since childhood. The grandparents, who are known as "GRANDPAPA" and "GRANDMA," are excited about the arrival of a stock company actor known as "ARMY" who they meet him on the street next day and he speaks to them. Mary-Frances is a little girl who is the first to meet him after the performance.

Full telephone Anne, asking her to go on a picnic. She refuses because it is her night to cook at home. Phil, annoyed, takes LITTLE ARMY, a singing clerk, on the picnic.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY CHAPTER XIII

THREE more trifled affirmatives before Mary-Frances turned from the telephone to Ann. "Mayn't I please go over to Ermintrude's for just half an hour? Please?"

"No," said Ann firmly. "You were there last night. I told you that I wanted you to help me this evening."

"But what in the world," asked Rosalie, though indignantly, "is this notion of yours about cleaning the hall tonight, Ann? Such an odd time to choose."

"May I?" whined Mary-Frances. "No, dear," said Ann. "You may not."

"Darling," said Rosalie, the peace-maker perpetual, "ask your little friend to come here and visit you this evening."

"No," said Ann. "Mary-Frances must help me this evening."

Mary-Frances at the telephone wilted and drooped; desire for living went from her; she was abused, martyred, and this she gave to Rosalie, along with a quivering lower lip and a knuckle close to her eye ready to wipe away the tears that even her courage could not long forestall.

Rosalie, sorrowful too with sympathy, said, "Dearest, tell your little friend that you will call her again in a few minutes, and we'll go." And Mary-Frances said, "Then, Ermintrude, I'll call you back in a few minutes—I've got to go."

And she replaced the receiver on the hook and looked significantly at Ann.

Ann, dear, Rosalie said, "don't

you think it is just a bit selfish that because you have no engagements for this evening you should insist that Mary-Frances make none?"

"No," Ann said. "The hall must be cleaned, and I think Mary-Frances should be willing to help. It takes hours for one person to dust the grille work on the stairs, and—"

Rosalie inserted, "But why tonight? Isn't evening rather a strange time to begin house cleaning?"

"It is the only time I have."

"Now, now, Ann!" Rosalie shook a playful finger. "Don't you recall a little story or—um—something about the early bird?"

Ann did not answer that. She spoke, instead, to Mary-Frances, "I'm tired tonight, honey, and the hall must be cleaned. It has been needing it for weeks now, you know. If you really don't wish to help me, you needn't. Only—I sort of thought you'd rather help me than to have me do it alone."

"I guess I'd just as soon," said Mary-Frances. "All right, Ann, angel. I'll tell Ermintrude I can't."

GRAND cleared his throat and gestured distastefully toward Mary-Frances. "One moment, my darling," he said. "I fear that I have fallen far behind in this discussion and have, in consequence, failed of its conclusion. I do not question your motives, Ann—dear Ann—but I do question your decision. To clean the front hall at a late hour on a spring evening! The front hall. Suppose that guests should arrive in the midst of this process of cleaning. Suppose . . ."

He went on and on; but presently he asked a question with Mary-Frances' name in it and paused for an answer.

Ann had not been actually listening for some time. She had formed, perhaps, a habit of looking attentive and of saying no more than what he said to her. It saved trouble with her temper, and she rarely got caught, because she knew him and his speeches so well. She ventured now, "Yes, Grand. Still, I do think that Mary-Frances is old enough to have some duties and some responsibilities."

"You are right in that. There can be no discussion of that. But I note that you evade my question. I shall put it differently. Who is to decide what these duties and responsibilities shall be? Of what they shall consist? In other words,

do you little girls not forget, sometimes at least, that your Rosalie and Grand are still able to take their places—able and willing—as heads of this household? I am not criticizing. I understand only too well how this—I shall not call it thoughtlessness nor carelessness—on your part comes about. A desire to spare Rosalie and me is at its source, I know. That I know. But our shoulders are still broad, and we are here with you children for but one purpose.

"Shift the burden, little Ann. Shift the burden. And now, Mary-Frances, with my full and free consent, and I trust with Ann's, you may telephone to your little friend and invite her here to your home to spend the evening with you."

Ann nodded and said, "All right, dear," to Mary-Frances, and Rosalie commented concerning how easy it was to have life flow along like a song. "It is only a matter," said Rosalie, "of our all singing together the same sweet little loving tune."

LETTY tossed away her cigarette, and Philip stopped being informative about birds and rose from the blanket spread over the wet grass to put his heel on the smoldering stub.

She said, "Oh, that's the third one I've made you stand up to put out, all in a row, isn't it?" and giggled a little. "I just don't seem to remember about forest fires and things."

"Quite all right," Philip answered, and sat down again opposite her with the same yard and a half of brown and red Indian blanket spaced between them.

Letty sighed, almost imperceptibly. She was coming to fear that, in spite of Mr. Ecroyd's good looks, she had made a mistake when she cut her date with Ken Smith to come out with him. So far he had been absolutely a flat tire, talking unalike of piston rods and scenery and birds. If she hurried, perhaps she could head him off before he got started again on mountain robins.

"Memory is kind of a funny thing, isn't it?" she offered. "Now, with me, I really have a wonderful memory—everybody says so—but I just don't remember anything that I don't think is important. Anything important I always remember. Like when I file a card—it is just like I filed it in my mind at the same time. I never forget it. And I'm the same way with names, and faces, and places, and things I'm

to buy, and all like that. Anything important I can always remember."

"And you don't consider forest fires important?" Philip smiled, though, as he questioned.

"Well, of course I do. But I know perfectly well that a fire wouldn't start out here now when everything is so wet. I'll bet anything you couldn't start one if you tried."

"It is the principle of the thing, isn't it?" Philip rebuked gently. "If one gets into the habit of throwing lighted cigarettes about when they aren't dangerous, one might easily forget at some time when they would constitute a real hazard."

LETTY sighed again, less imperceptibly. "I'm not much for forming habits myself," she said.

"Good!" Philip responded heartily, and added, "No—I'm sure you aren't," and looked again at her small neat head, with its red-gold hair that seemed to sparkle even in the shadows, and wondered again whether or not it smelled of soap. During the past half hour, since she had taken off her beret, he had been speculating about that gleaming young hair. It should not be perturbed: it should smell, cleanly, of soap.

She smiled at him engagingly. She had no notion why her remark about habits had pleased him, but his sudden enthusiasm was complimentary. He was the best-looking man she knew. He was positively better looking than Gary Cooper, and so distinguished. She'd bet he would be grand with necking—those firm lips under that handsome mustache.

"Tell me," he said half teasingly, "what are you much for?"

"I don't get you," she said, and went on to say quickly, "Do you know you are just terribly good-looking?"

"Thank you," he said. "It is very kind of you to say so. Do you know that you are extremely pretty? Now, then, you say that you aren't much for habits; tell me, what are you much for?"

His teasing brought the note of intimacy that had been so stupidly lacking until now. Her curiosities were acute, and her impulses were undisciplined. Two scurrying, jerking movements across the blanket brought her beside him, snuggled just under his shoulder.

"This?" she questioned. "How about you?"

Her lip paste was perturbed. Her hair smelled, disappointingly, of smoke.

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SIDE GLANCES

By George Clark



"He'll probably give me a lot of expensive perfume and
I'll go on darning these stockings for a few more months."

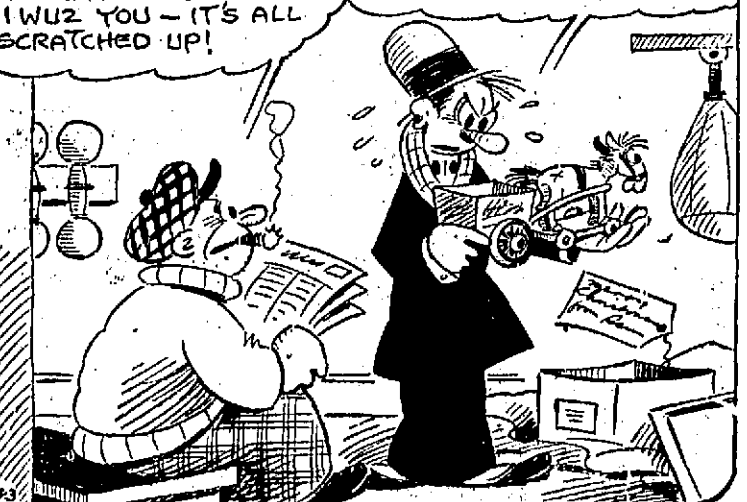
SALESMAN SAM

By Small

A Boomerang!

SO YA BOUGHT THAT
FER YER NEPHEW, HUH?
I'D TAKE IT BACK IF
I WUZ YOU - IT'S ALL
SCRATCHED UP!

I SURE WILL! NO SUCH
PRESENT IS GONNA MAR
THAT KID'S CHRISTMAS!

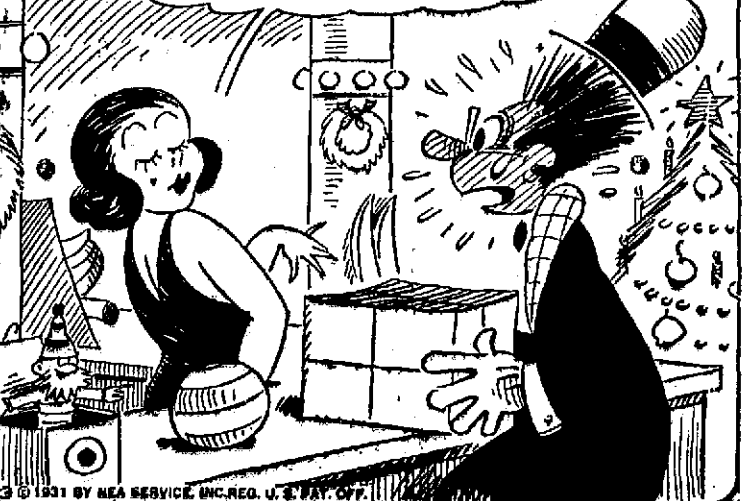


SAY, SISTER! I GOTTA KICK
AGAINST YOU CLERKS! I
BOUGHT THIS PRESENT
LAS' NIGHT AN' IT'S
ALL SHOP-WORN!

I'LL GLADLY CHANGE
IT, SIR - BUT I'VE
GOT A KICK AGAINST
YOU LATE SHOPPERS,
TOO!



I'M SHOP-WORN MYSELF, AND
IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!



OUT OUR WAY

By Williams OUR BOARDING HOUSE

By Allen



THE UNBELIEVER.

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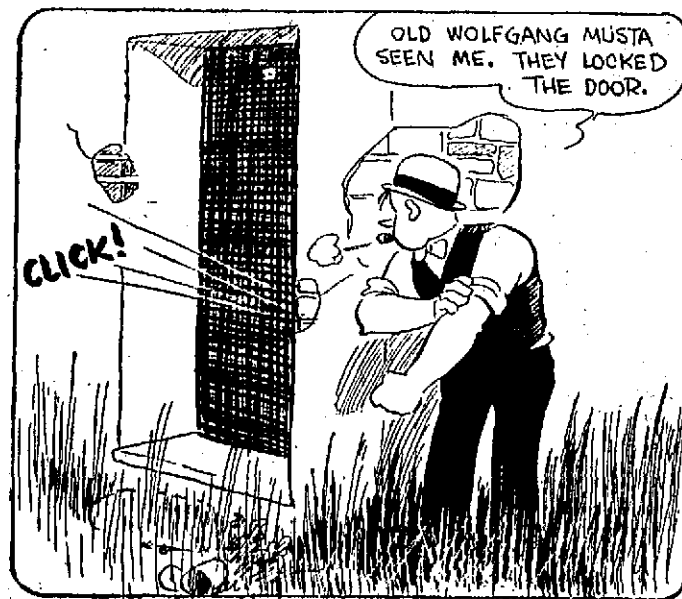
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WASH TUBBS

Rip Uses His Head!

By Crane



OLD WOLFGANG MUSTA
SEEN ME. THEY LOCKED
THE DOOR.



OH, NO! THEY UNLOCKED IT.
THEY'RE BIG 'N' THEY'RE BAD 'N'
THEY WANT ME TO COME IN, SO'S
THEY CAN CRACK MY NOODLE.
HA HA! FAT CHANCE OF TRICKING
OLD RIP O'DAY.



I'LL JES SLIP IN THE BACK DOOR
AN' - SAY!! THAT'S FUNNY.
THERE AIN'T ANY BACK DOOR.
NOW, THAT'S A PROBLEM.

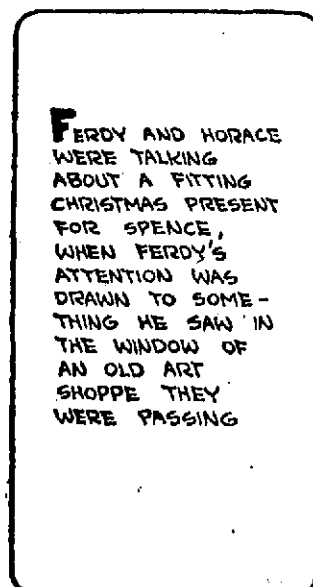


OR MAYBE IT'S A BIG HELP.
WITH THIS O' ROPE I FOUND
IT LOOKS LIKE I HAS THE
UPPER HAND

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

Two of the Wise Men!

By Martin



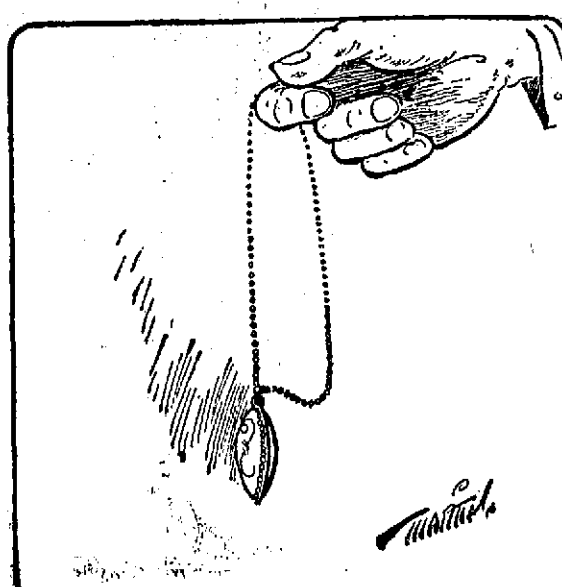
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THING HE SAW IN
THE WINDOW OF
AN OLD ART
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WERE PASSING



WO'D Y SEE?

THAT!! ISN'T IT JUST
TOO SWEET FER WORDS?

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SHO



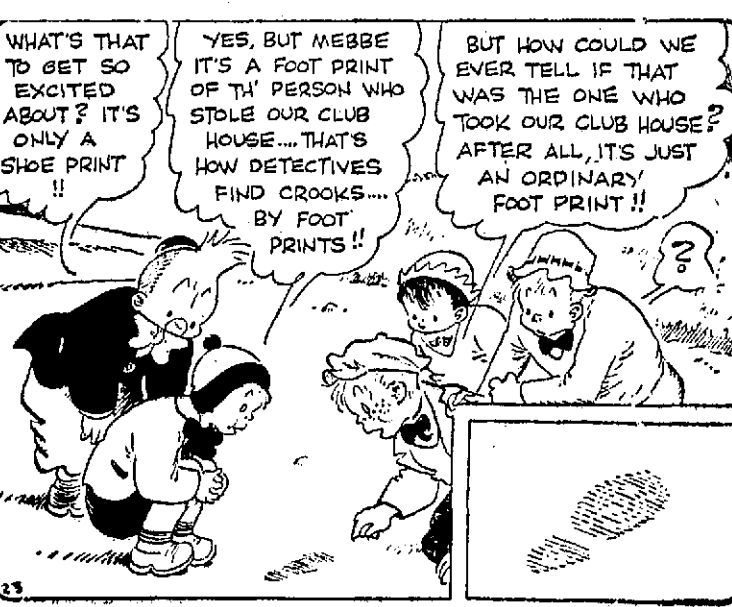
A LOCKET!!
FER
SPENCE?
O HO HO HO
HAHAHA

I GOT IT FER
TWENTY CENTS!
THAT'S MORE 'N
I WANTED 'SPEND
ON TH' LIL'
RUNT, BUT
IT'S JUST TH'
THING FER 'IM

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

Stalling?

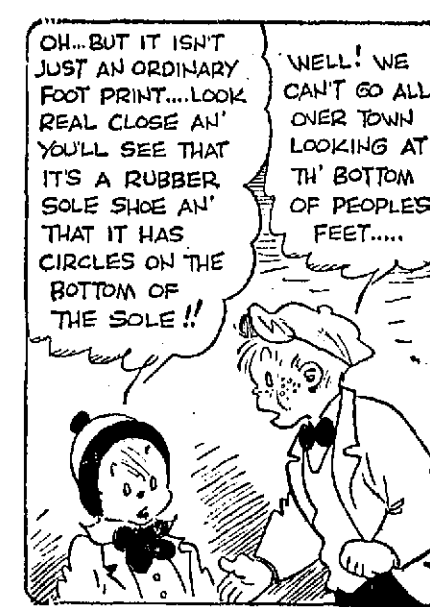
By Blosser



WHAT'S THAT
TO GET SO
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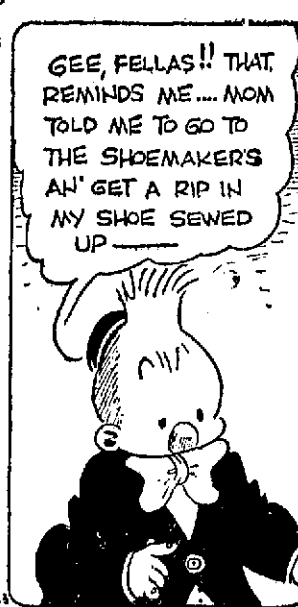
YES, BUT MESSIE
IT'S A FOOT PRINT
OF TH' PERSON WHO
STOLE OUR CLUB
HOUSE... THAT'S
HOW DETECTIVES
FIND CROOKS...
BY FOOT
PRINTS!!

BUT HOW COULD WE
EVER TELL IF THAT
WAS THE ONE WHO
TOOK OUR CLUB HOUSE?
AFTER ALL, IT'S JUST
AN ORDINARY
FOOT PRINT!!



OH... BUT IT ISN'T
JUST AN ORDINARY
FOOT PRINT... LOOK
REAL CLOSE AN'
YOU'LL SEE THAT
IT'S A RUBBER
SOLE SHOE AN'
THAT IT HAS
CIRCLES ON THE
BOTTOM OF
THE SOLE!!

WELL! WE
CAN'T GO ALL
OVER TOWN
LOOKING AT
TH' BOTTOM
OF PEOPLES
FEET....

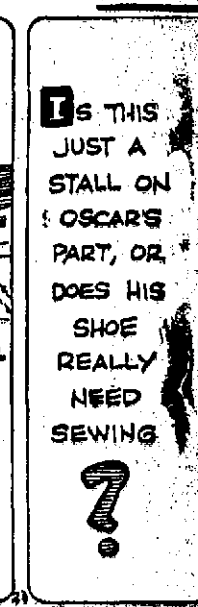


GEE, FELLAS!! THAT
REMINDS ME... MOM
TOLD ME TO GO TO
THE SHOEMAKERS
AN' GET A RIP IN
MY SHOE SEWED
UP



AW... HE'S AFRAID
WE'LL MAKE HIM SEP
EVERYBODY AN' ASK
TO SEE TH' BOTTOM
OF THEIR SHOES!!

YEAH... THAT'S JUST
LIKE OSCAR - GETTIN'
COLD FEET WHEN
THERE'S SOMETHING
IMPORTANT TO
DO!!



IS THIS
JUST A
STALL ON
OSCAR'S
PART, OR
DOES HIS
SHOE REALLY
NEED
SEWING
?

THE NEWFANGLES (Mom'n Pop)

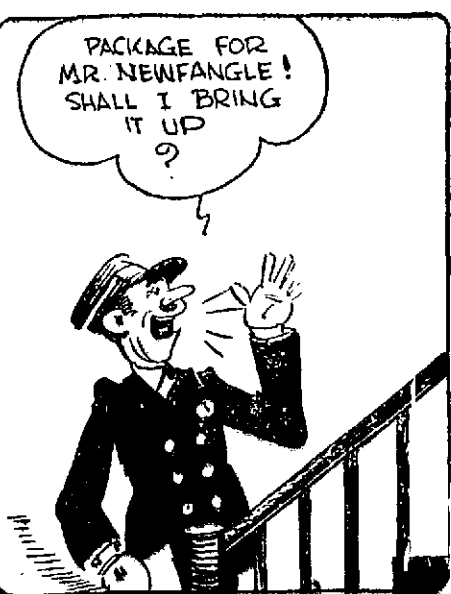
A Close Call!

By Cowan



WHOW! WAIT! I'LL
ANSWER THAT. NOW,
SUGAR, GO ON BACK.
I'VE A REASON.
CAN'T YOU GUESS?

WHAT IS IT?
NOT MY
CHRISTMAS
PRESENT!



PACKAGE FOR
MR. NEWFANGLE!
SHALL I BRING
IT UP?



NO! GO BACK!!
STAY THERE! I'LL
BE RIGHT DOWN!!

AWH CHICK!
LET ME HAVE
JUST A LITTLE
PEEK



SAY, OLAF, CAN I
LEAVE THIS PACKAGE
IN THE STORE ROOM? IT'S
MY WIFE'S CHRISTMAS
PRESENT

SURE MIKE,
BRING HIM
RIGHT IN

BOOST HOPE'S BUILD WEEKLY BUSINESS REVIEW

Columbus

The sophomore class of Columbus High School met Tuesday and elected the following officers: President, Carl Blackwood; Vice President, Olin Blackwood; Secretary, Lorna Darnall; Treasurer, Ruth McCorkle; Reporter, Robert Robertson; Sponsor, Mrs. Cora Blackwood. The sophomore class consists of twelve members known as the "Blacky Duesen." They plan to begin with the spirit of Christmas. The first duty of each member is to make some one in the community happy at Christmas time.

The Masonic Lodge met here Saturday night and elected the following officers: Thurman Blackwood, Worshipful Master; H. C. Neighbors, senior warden; H. H. Darnall, junior warden; Dr. J. R. Aubrey, treasurer; C. R. White, secretary; and Clarence Ellen, vizier.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Bolding and daughter, Ophelia, will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Sherman, Texas.

Mr. T. C. Wilson, Mrs. J. C. Hill and Murphy Wilson were visitors to Hope Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hill.

Paul Hatley of Little Rock, spent the

Rent It! Find It! Buy It! Sell It!
With
HOPE STAR WANT ADS
The more you tell,
The quicker you sell.
1 insertion, 10c per line
minimum 30c
2 insertions, 7c per line,
minimum 50c
3 insertions, 6c per line,
minimum \$1.00
25 insertions, 5c per line,
minimum \$4.00
(Average 5 1/2 words to the line)
NOTE—Want advertisements accepted over the telephone may be charged with the understanding that the bill is payable on presentation of statement, the day of first publication.
Phone 768

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Five room house near Smiling tourist camp. See A. W. Cobb or phone 683J
23-3tp.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE — Pure bred jersey heifer, two years old, will be fresh in January. Price reasonable. See Eben Eason, 503 South Hervey St.
21-3t dh

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Good grade country sorghum molasses. Three gallons for \$1.00. Apply at Hope Star.

WANTED

WANTED—Mrs. A. B. Patten to send one dress to J. L. Green Cleaning Co., to be cleaned and pressed absolutely free, December 24. 23-1tc

SERVICES OFFERED

SERVICES OFFERED—Special Turkey dinner Christmas Day at Hotel Black, Washington, Ark. 21-3tp

SERVICE OFFERED—If you want service call 670, Robinson Grocery. 14-9tc.

SERVICE OFFERED—Your foot specialist Dr. C. B. Bledsoe, expert chiropodist, using modern methods to remove corns, bunions, callouses and ingrowing nails, is back at Pat-

GULF GAS
At the busy corner of Third and Hazel—on the new Broadway of America route, you'll find that Good Gulf gas station. Courteous service—full value for your money.
Bundy Service Station
Third and Hazel Phone 264

"VALUE RECEIVED!"
Of the many commodities purchased for the average home during the year's run, we believe NATURAL GAS offers the greatest value for money expended.
Its **CLEANLINESS** in the home and community—
Its **EASY AND EXACT CONTROL**—
Its **INSTANT AND MAXIMUM HEAT**, when and where wanted—
Keeping a **CONSTANT, EVEN, HEALTHFUL** room temperature—
all of these qualities have a real tangible **MONEY VALUE**, but the actual cost of using **NATURAL GAS** in our community is so low, that no one need deny himself its benefits.
If used sensibly—for needs—not wasted—every **NATURAL GAS** bill can be truthfully endorsed—"Value Received!"
Arkansas Natural Gas Corp.
A Cities Service Unit

Manger Scene Recreated in Many Berlin Stores

BERLIN—(AP)—In display windows of Berlin's stores one of the world's oldest pictures has been reproduced—the Bethlehem manger.
Ranging from huge department stores to the little "holes in the walls" of Berlin's side streets, almost every store has its manger and Christ child. In the better stores the Christmas window proves a magnet for the well dressed throngs, just as less expensive displays in the hinterland of Alexanderplatz attract the shawled and caped poor.
All classes, despite the vicissitudes of the past year, apparently have entered into the spirit of the time, auguring well for Berlin merchants, whose business is below normal.

week-end with friends here. Mrs. J. R. Aubrey who has been a patient at the Josephine hospital in Hope for some time returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilson, Mrs. R. E. Jackson and Miss Mildred Johnson and Mrs. Jim Wilson Jr., were visitors to Hope Saturday.

Mrs. H. H. Darnall and Miss Frances Darnall were visitors to Hope Friday.

Murphy Wilson of Houston, Texas, is spending the holidays here with his mother, Mrs. T. C. Wilson.

Abb Smith of Washington, was a visitor here last week.

C. D. McCrary of Saratoga, was a visitor here last week.

California Cage Team Retains High Scorers

BERKELEY, Cal.—(AP)—Although Nibs Price's Golden Bear basketball quintet loses two of last year's regulars, the habitual champions of the southern division of the Pacific Coast conference retain the men who tallied 434 of the 632 points scored last season.
The two regulars who were dropped because they had completed their years of varsity competition are Joel Coffield, 1931 captain and all-coast guard, and Bill Davis, guard and forward.
The Bears play Pittsburgh, December 28, but open with a practice game with Oregon State, December 26.

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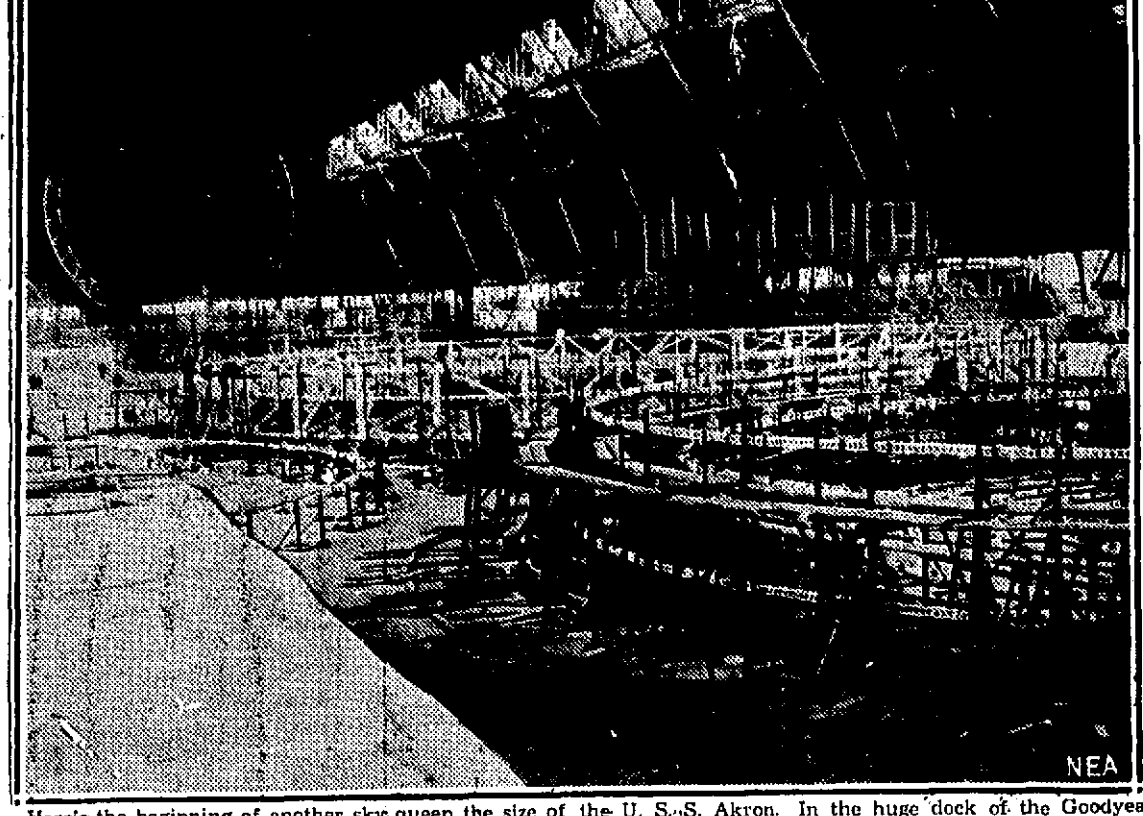
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Fabricating the Skeleton of Akron's Sister Ship



Here's the beginning of another sky-queen the size of the U. S. S. Akron. In the huge dock of the Goodyear-Zeppelin company at Akron, Ohio, the first main ring of the new dirigible ZRS-5 has been raised into position and is visible at the left. In the foreground are two other main rings now nearing completion. Girders for nearly half the ship also have been fabricated.

Second Suspect Held in Louisiana Robbery

MONROE, La.—(AP)—Homer Cruse, 30, second of a trio suspected in the \$2000 robbery of the Franklin State Bank of Baskin last Thursday, was arrested at Malvern, Ark., Monday, according to Sheriff Allen Price of Franklin parish.
Cruse confessed having taken part in last Thursday's robbery, Sheriff Price said, and implicated D. E. Bishop, 31, of Monroe, who is being held in the Ouachita parish jail here.

Cage Team Would Carry "Pepper" as Added Lure

OKLAHOMA CITY.—(AP)—"Pepper" Martin, 1931 world's series hero, has received an offer to perform with Oklahoma City's independent basketball team as an added attraction.
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Falcon Farmer Is Held on \$1000 Bond

PRESCOTT—Elmore Russell, who shot and killed Will Knight on December 14th, was given a preliminary hearing here Friday afternoon before Squire W. J. White and was held on a charge of manslaughter. He waived examination and was released under a bond of \$1,000 and will be given another before the grand jury at the January term of circuit court.

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He has been identified positively as the man who shot Creekmore when the latter attempted to question him about a robbery. He was shot by Bob Daugherty and George Taylor after he attempted to draw a gun when they sought to arrest him.

Trojan Grid Team Picks Best of Backfield Foes

LOS ANGELES.—(AP)—Members of the great Southern California football team have voted Hufford of Washington as the fastest back they met during the regular 1931 season.
Schwartz, Notre Dame's All-American, was voted the hardest backfield man to stop, while the Trojans found the best offensive man in the position to be Moe of Oregon. Gill of California was named the hardest plunging back.

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